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October 15, 2001

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
c/o Mildrlyn Davis
Director, Office of Housing
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Re: Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Dear Mildrilyn and members of the Committee,

It is with great reticence that I am hereby submitting my resignation as the Builder representative of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. While I am not certain of the date when I became a member of this Committee, I do know that I am the last original member of the Committee.

I have several reasons for stepping aside at this time. First, I have increasing obligations to my wife, daughters and my business. Second, I believe that at a certain point, a new perspective can be helpful. Finally, I have taken on additional responsibilities in other volunteer organizations in which I participate.

I was also a member of the Ad Hoc Committee that preceded the formation of the current Committee. The mission of the Ad Hoc group was interesting in that it was composed of a large cross section of the citizens and community groups who actually created the baselines of the Affordable Housing Ordinance. The Ad Hoc Committee members generally shared the common goal of attempting to provide housing opportunities for low income and less fortunate members of our Alexandria Community. The citizens targeted ranged from the homeless and elderly to those with very low incomes to those individuals whose incomes fell within certain income guidelines and size of households. It is important to note that the public housing component in Alexandria should always be a part of the Committee's consideration of affordable housing for Alexandrians.

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The funding of the Housing Trust Fund exclusively by real estate development projects in Alexandria has created a source of substantial funds to be utilized in affordable housing endeavors. I have always believed that the most difficult aspect of implementing tangible affordable housing in Alexandria would be to encourage developers, both for profit and non profit, to creatively tap into the Housing Trust Fund for projects in Alexandria. Indeed, I have been a strong advocate of establishing or encouraging not for profit affordable housing developers to Alexandria who could serve as conduits in facilitating affordable housing projects. It is very important that all affordable housing opportunities, both rental and for sale, be considered on an equal footing, without a bias toward one or the other.

The future of Alexandria real estate development will focus on redevelopment of existing buildings and sites, small infill sites and large projects at Carlyle and Potomac Yards. As development sites become more scarce, redevelopment and revitalization may be increasingly prevalent. The challenge and priority, therefore, should be to preserve existing affordable housing situations while keeping an eye toward whatever new, however modest, opportunities that may evolve. An additional important challenge for the future is managing the large unrestricted balance in the Housing Trust Fund. Actively encouraging the use of Housing Trust Fund monies for creative affordable housing opportunities should be the overriding priority of the Committee.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my years on the Committee and working with its members and staff. While the Committee technically serves in an advisory capacity to City Council, its members have proven to be fair and astute, whose comments and recommendations have been constructive and seriously considered by others.

So, it's been a wonderful experience. You are all extremely capable and clearly care for our community. I will miss all of you and remain available to assist the Committee and staff in any way.

Best regards,



Daniel R. Abramson

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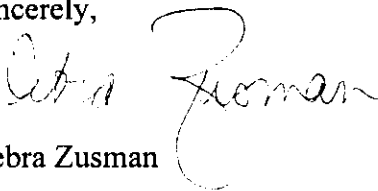
Ms. Rose Boyd, Director
Office of Citizen Assistance
301 King Street, Room 1900
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Ms Boyd,

Please accept my resignation as a tenant representative to the City of Alexandria Landlord Tenant Relations Board, effective October 11, 2001. This also in effect terminates my appointment as the Landlord Tenant Relations Board representative to the Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

I have enjoyed serving the City of Alexandria as a commissioner on these boards, and tender my resignation with regret. I am no longer able to represent Alexandria's tenants, since I have purchased a home at Cameron Station. Thank you for all of your support over the years.

Sincerely,



Debra Zusman

cc: Melodie Baron, Director, Office of Housing Landlord Tenant Relations
Division
Michelle Chapman, Chair, ARHA Board of Commissioners
William Dearman, Executive Director, ARHA